

know several of them here that have quoted me verbatim. I know that the Omaha World Herald, when I was running for office just to talk about balance, printed the same stupid news release of my opponent four different times. All they did was reword it, but they never would print one press release of mine. Now is that freedom of the press? We're talking here about the shield law. Shouldn't there be something to shield we, the elected citizens, for the \$315 a month I get? Shouldn't they be fair to me? We have a U.S. District Attorney in Omaha whose daughter was arrested for serious charges. The World Herald buried that article and at the very last line and most people wouldn't have read the whole story, I think it concerned armed robbery, at the very last line they mentioned she was the U.S. District Attorney's daughter, Ron Lahners. But when a member of my family was accused of bookmaking, it was front page headlines, picture of his home on the front page. Nothing is sacred, not your family, not your home life. A picture of his business on the inside, they harassed him every day until he finally moved out of town and had to come back for his trial. And because of that harassment and various other things that went on during that trial, he was given a new trial and found not guilty. Where do you think that article appeared in the Omaha World Herald? It didn't appear day after day. It didn't make headlines that thick. When our Attorney General was indicted, did they harass him day after day? No. I remember one of the headlines they gave him was specifically, I am going to fight this thing, but when another man who was Postmaster General was accused as a member of the OPPD Board of misusing his telephone credit card, they harassed him day after day after day and not satisfied enough that he did not go back on the OPPD Board, then they went after his job as U.S. Postmaster. And these people ask for the right never to name their sources. If you want that right you've got to accept some responsibilities. As a youngster in grade school I was taught, with every right goes a responsibility. I don't think that is a word the Omaha World Herald has ever heard, responsibility. I know very well that the World Herald reporter writing this story today, one of two things will happen. They will do a blackout on what Marge Higgins says, which is the common practice, or they will edit the reporter's remarks or my remarks so that it ends up me contradicting myself and looking foolish. As far as the shield law goes, I think there are instances when reporters should have that. I wanted to hear more about it, but there